



Client Assistance Program

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The SC Client Assistance Program (CAP) Mission

- Provide information and referral services regarding programs funded under the Rehabilitation Act and Title I of the American with Disabilities Act
- Advocate for persons with disabilities in resolving differences with Vocational Rehabilitation, Commission for the Blind, and other Independent Living Programs.
- Provide outreach to underserved populations of person with disabilities throughout South Carolina
- Identify systemic problems within service delivery area of agencies providing services under the Rehabilitation Act



Every hour of every day, someone in South Carolina needs essential services—from finding substance abuse assistance, getting the latest information in a crisis, to securing adequate care for a child or an aging parent. Faced with a huge number of public and private agencies, help lines, and phone numbers, people often don't know where to turn or how to get through “the maze”. In many cases, people end up going without these necessary and readily available services because they do not know where to start. SC 2-1-1 will provide South Carolinians with information about & referrals to services throughout the State for every day needs and in times of crisis. **Aiken 211** provides you several ways to find the right service for your specific need. Dial **211** or **(877) 648-9900** for assistance. Visit www.Aiken211.org for additional information. **United Way of the Midlands** offers residents of Richland, Newberry, Lexington, Calhoun and Orangeburg counties access for referrals & volunteer information. Fairfield County residents will be able to access United Way 2-1-1 soon. Callers outside the 2-1-1 dialing area may call **790-HELP, 733-5408** or toll free **1-866-892-9211**. Visit the **United Way of the Midlands** website at www.uway.org/211dev/211.asp for additional information. For the Lowcountry call the **Trident United Way** at 2-1-1 or **(843) 744-HELP** or **1-800-922-2283**, or visit their website at www.tuw.org/default.htm.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

SC Employment Security Commission, OneStop

The Disability Navigator at your local OneStop can assist people with disabilities to access the programs that help them to obtain, maintain, or return to employment. If you need a resume to help you begin your job search, the Disability Navigator can assist you with that. The OneStop offers various assistive technology for individuals with disabilities. They will also enter you into the OneStop job match system and can show you how to do an internet job search. The SC Employment Security Commission's operating hours are from 8am-8pm Monday through Thursday and 8am-5pm on Friday. You can call our office at **(803) 737-2588** or visit the SC Employment Security Commission's website and locate your local OneStop office at <http://www.sces.org/loff/locoff.htm>.

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State Office of Economic Opportunity

The State Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) offers services ranging from healthcare, housing assistance, emergency shelter, education, & employment to training, nutrition, homelessness prevention, weatherization, & emergency & energy assistance, our mission is to revitalize our communities by providing families with the tools necessary to achieve economic independence. OEO goals are to promote & maintain a commitment to the highest standards of service delivery, to assist our community partners in developing innovative projects which address the causes & conditions of poverty, & to serve as an advocate for low-income families. For further information please call **(803)734-0662**, or visit our website at www.govoepp.state.sc.us/o eo



Cold temperatures prompt reminders on how to safely heat your home

With the temperatures falling lower and lower each night, and people beginning to turn on their heating units, we have some tips that could not only save you on your bill, but could save your life:

- If you are using a portable heater, make sure it has an automatic shut off feature. You should provide a three foot clearance around and above the heater to make sure nothing catches on fire. When you aren't in the room with the heater, unplug it.
- If you are using a kerosene heater, make sure you never use gasoline, and refuel the heater only after the unit has completely cooled.
- If you're using your fireplace to keep warm, make sure it is cleaned annually. Also open the flue at the top, and put a screen in front of the fire for safety.

The Columbia Fire Department also strongly recommends you have a smoke detector in every room of your home, and a fire extinguisher stored close to the kitchen.

For more Information please call your local fire department.

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